DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Importer of Controlled Substances Registration: Noramco, Inc.

[Docket No. DEA-392]

ACTION: Notice of registration.

SUMMARY: Noramco, Inc. applied to be registered as an importer of certain basic classes of controlled substances. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) grants Noramco, Inc. registration as an importer of those controlled substance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

By notice dated August 21, 2015, and published in the *Federal Register* on August 31, 2015, 80 FR 52510, Noramco, Inc., 1440 Olympic Drive, Athens, Georgia 30601 applied to be registered as an importer of certain basic classes of controlled substances. Comments and requests for hearings on applications to import narcotic raw material are not appropriate. 72 FR 3417 (January 25, 2007). No comments or objections were submitted for this notice.

The DEA has considered the factors in 21 U.S.C. 823, 952(a) and 958(a) and determined that the registration of Noramco, Inc. to import the basic classes of controlled substances is consistent with the public interest and with United States obligations under international treaties, conventions, or protocols in effect on May 1, 1971. The DEA investigated the company's maintenance of effective controls against diversion by inspecting and testing the company's physical security systems, verifying the company's compliance with state and local laws, and reviewing the company's background and history.

Therefore, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 952(a) and 958(a), and in accordance with 21 CFR 1301.34, the above-named company is granted registration as an importer of the following basic classes of controlled substances:

Controlled Substance	<u>Schedule</u>
Phenylacetone (8501)	II
Thebaine (9333)	II
Poppy Straw Concentrate (9670)	II
Tapentadol (9780)	II

The company plans to import thebaine (9333) analytical reference standards for distribution to its customers. The company plans to import an intermediate form of tapentadol (9780) to bulk manufacture tapentadol for distribution to its customers. The company plans to import phenylacetone (8501) and poppy straw concentrate (9670) to manufacture other controlled substances.

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